Identification of Countries for Oil Imports

2841. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to tap additional sources for crude oil import from the middle east countries;

(b) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, ONGC and IOC have identified the countries, crucial to India's oil supply security; and

(c) if so, whether any concrete measures have been taken; if so, to what extent Government have been able to tap more sources for crude oil import and what are these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Import of crude oil is finalised considering the specific requirements of Indian refineries and commercial considerations, Government have maintained close political and economic relations with the countries in the Middle-East, a traditional source for procuring crude oil. Identification of new crude oil, their suitability for the Indian refining system and diversification of sources of supply is a continuing process.

ONGC-VL is also seeking exploration acreage to participate in exploration and production activities abroad to tap more sources for crude oil supply.

Netherlands' funding for water supply projects in Gujarat

2842. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Netherlands is funding some water supply projects in rural and urban areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the present status of those projects and the areas covered by them in the State;

(d) whether some other external agencies are also funding the water supply schemes in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESHWARLU) (a) to (c) The following three water supply projects of Gujarat are being funded by the Netherlands at present:—

(i) Lathi-Liliya Regional Water Supply Scheme in district Amreli costing Rs. 728 lakhs with Dutch assistance of Dutch Guilder (DGL) 9.900 million (grant);

(ii) Sami-Harij Regional Water Supply Scheme in district Mehsana costing Rs. 2481.20 lakhs with Dutch assistance of DGL 33.750 million (grant); and

(iii) Santalpur Regional Water Supply Scheme in district Banaskantha costing Rs. 1045.60 lakhs with Dutch assistance of 14.210 million (grant).

Government of Gujarat has reported that at present, out of 195 villages and 4 towns in these three districts, 179 villages and 2 towns are being provided with water supply. All the major works have been completed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Government Order for House Sites for Backward Classes

2843. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Government's order to allot house sites to backward classes is in force in Tamil Nadu and other States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said order is not being implemented; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would make necessary allocation of funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO

PRASAD VARMA): (a) The allotment of house sites is a State sector scheme and being implemented by the State Governments under 20 point Minimum Needs Programme. In Tamil Nadu free house sites are provided to the backward classes in particular, to the most backward classes/denotified communities who belong to backward classes category under Central Government Other Backward Class list, as a policy decision of Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) The scheme of allotment of house sites is being implemented in Tamil Nadu.

(c) As allotment of house sites is a State sector scheme, the State Governments are allocating funds for the scheme. The Government of Tamil Nadu has allocated a sum of Rs. 2 crores during 1996-97 for acquisition of land for providing house sites to most backward classes and denotified communities.

इन्दिरा पुरम में आवंटित किए गए फलैटों की दरों में अन्तर

2844. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री 12 सितम्बर, 1996 को राज्य सभा मे अतारांकित प्रश्न 3943 दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुछ व्यक्तियों को मई और जून, 1996 में गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण की इंदिरा पुरम योजना के अंतर्गत नीति खण्ड के सैक्टर-3 में अवस्थित उच्च-आय वर्ग के (डुपलैक्स)-'बी' फलैटों का आवंटन किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपर्युक्त फलैटों की दरों सहित आवंटितियों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या मई, और जून, 1996 में क्रमशः आवंटित किये गए इसी श्रेणी के फ्लैटों की दरों में कोई अन्तर है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह अन्तर कितनी राशि का है और इसके क्या कारण है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ॰ यू॰ वेंकटस्वरलू): (क) और (ख) जी हां। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार, गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मई-जून, 1996 में नीति खण्ड-3 में आयोजित मौका आवंटन शिविर के माध्यम से पांच एच॰आई॰जी॰ डूपलैक्स फ्लैट आवंटित किए गए है। आवंटियों के नाम तथा आवंटित फ्लैटों की कीमतें आदि इस प्रकार है:—

क्रम सं॰	आवंटी का नाम तथा पता	फ्लैट की अनुमानित कीमत
1.	श्री चन्द्र शेखर जौहरी, एन॰के॰ III/346	3,80,000/- रुपये
2.	श्री प्रदीप कुमार भुनिया, एन॰के॰ III/183	3,85,000/- रुपये
3.	श्री चन्द्र प्रकाश मित्तल, एन॰के॰ III/347	3,80,000/- रुपये
4.	श्री राम प्रकाश मित्तल, एन॰के॰ III/348	4,25,000/- रुपये
5.	श्रीमती मीनू चौहान, एन॰के॰ III/206	4,10,000/- रुपये

(ग) और (घ) राज्य सरकार ने बताया है कि फ्लैटों की कीमतों में अन्तर मुख्यतः फ्लैटों के अवस्थिति कारकों यथा मुख्य सड़क, कोने का प्लाट, पार्क के सामने होने आदि के कारण है।

Wage revision for Employees of ET&T

2845. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether wages of the employees of ET&T Corporation Limited have been revised;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that their wages are not being revised due to losses incurred by the Corporation; if so, the reasons for incurring losses and what action Government have taken to check the losses and to revive the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.